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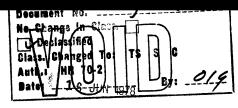
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- The French Communist Party (FCP) expects no immediate aggravation of the current international crisis. Party leaders are, however, taking the following measures:
 - a) FCP cells have been ordered to meet daily to check the reaction of the Communist militants.
 - The Federal Communists are in practically permanent session. Federation offices are being carefully watched by the FCP "Service d'Ordre". In important urban centers such as Lyon, Marseille, Toulouse, and Limoges, couriers maintain liaison between the Federal Bureau and the principal Sections.
 - c) Francs Tireurs et Partisans Francais (FTPF) groups, charged with direct action, have been alerted. Hilitants are to ignore Government mobilization orders.
 - d) The Confederation Generale du Travail (CGT) has ordered work stoppages as a sign of protest.
 - e) The Communist Peace propaganda campaign will be intensified.
- The FCP Central Committee is apparently waiting for more precise directives. Maurice Thorez, leader of the FCP, has stated that European Communist Parties will remain temporarily "at the ready". No direct action order is to be disseminated.
- If the United States seems to be winning in Korea, Central Committee Liaison agents believe that the Soviet (Red) Army may be forced to intervene in that area. They are certain of Russian intervention if the United States uses the atom tomb. In either eventuality, the FCP now plans a general strike; an attempt to neutralize local administrations in order to oppose mobilization; and an attempt to profit by the general confusion to form a "democratic" government.

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